THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Oil Pool Deficit

289. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present oil pool deficit; and

(b) the corrective measures taken to check the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The oil pool deficit is estimated to be around Rs. 12,600 crore as on 31-3-2001.

(b) To check the oil pool deficit, Government take various corrective measures which *inter alia,* include corrections in the consumer prices of petroleum products, adjustment in rates of duties, etc.

Indo-Iran Gas Pipeline Project

290. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Indo-Iran offer Pak peace Pipeline" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 14th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the Pipeline from Iran to India *via* Pakistan;

(c) the names of the companies who are involved in the 700 kilometer pipeline which would run through Pakistan;

(d) whether any discussion has been held with the Pakistan Government on this account and if so the details of the discussions; and